

Cafcass update November 2010

This is a summary of key points about Cafcass' performance:

- The number of care applications made between April and October 2010 is 3.3% higher than the same period last year. Cafcass received 714 care applications in October 2010. [Click here](#) for the latest care demand graph.
- In October 2010 99.7% of our care cases were allocated and only 45 (or 0.3%) out of a total of 12,869 care cases across the country were unallocated.
- By October we had successfully reduced the number of unallocated care cases by 91.8% - from 551 in April this year to the current 45.
- We are becoming less reliant on the use of duty allocation in care cases. There were 568 duty allocated care cases in October compared to 1,061 duty allocated care cases in April 2010 (a 46.5% reduction in duty allocated care cases over six months).
- We were working on 3,000 more cases in October than in April 2010 and are currently helping children involved in more than 43,000 family court cases across the country.
- The current sickness rate for Family Court Advisers between April to October 2010 is 12 days with the trend suggesting there will be future improvements at year end (in 2009-10, the figure was 16 days). Sickness absence for our other staff in the six months of this year is 8 days, which matches the public sector average.

The table below provides a breakdown of case allocations from April 2010 to October 2010:

Type of allocation	April 2010	October 2010	Difference
Numbers of substantively allocated care cases	10,760	12,256	Cafcass working on 1,496 extra care cases 13.9% increase in allocated cases
Numbers of Duty allocated care cases	1,061	568	493 fewer cases on duty 46.5% reduction in duty allocated cases
Numbers of unallocated care cases	551	45 (0.3% of care cases)	506 fewer unallocated cases 91.8% reduction in the unallocated backlog
Total workload	12,372	12,869	